

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 7, and 14 have been amended. Claim 27 has been added. Support for the amendments and the new claim may be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-24 and 27 as amended, will be pending.

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The amendment to claim 14 is believed to address this rejection. Specifically, the typographical error was corrected. With respect to the Examiner's confusion regarding the amount of components having linking aliphatic ester groups, applicants respectively submit that this language is clear on its face to one of ordinary skill in the art. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 14 is in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by WO 00/63272 to Yamamura *et al.* ("Yamamura"). Claims 1-14, 16-18 and 20-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Yamamura.

With respect to the § 102(b) rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to demonstrate that Yamamura teaches each and every limitation of the claim. Specifically, the Examiner has failed to indicate that the composition of Yamamura includes an amount of components having linking aliphatic ester groups that is less than 100 meq of ester links/100 g of composition. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

With respect to the § 103 (a) rejections, Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims address this rejection. Specifically, Yamamura does not teach or suggest compositions having the same amount of a cationically curable component having a linking aliphatic ester group as the present invention. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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